



Did you know that reading to your child is one of the most powerful ways to boost his or her brain power? The simple and enjoyable act of sharing books helps your child learn pre-reading skills such as understanding the sounds letters make, developing a bigger vocabulary, and building background knowledge—all important skills that help prepare your child for learning to read and entering kindergarten.

Ridley Township Public Library's 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program is a fun, exciting, and free way to start your child on the path to success!

How does the program work?

Register

Any child ages birth to five years can participate. Sign up in the library and receive your first reading log and a free book.

Track Your Reading

Read to your child and color in a circle on your reading log for every book read.

25-Book Milestones

For every 25 books read, stop by the library to receive a sticker. You don't even have to show us your reading log. This is a small incentive to encourage you and your child to keep reading and logging those books, and to let you know we're rooting for you!

100-Book Milestones

Each time you read 100 books, bring your reading log to the library to receive a sticker, coloring page, and a free book!

1,000 Books

You did it! Come celebrate at the library!



1,000 books...absolutely!

5 books a week for 4 years = 1,040 books

1 book a night for 3 years = 1,095 books

10 books a week for 2 years = 1,040 books



There are so many ways to get to 1,000

- Count books read in story time or preschool
- Count books read by a friend or family member
- Count books read through Delco Library apps, including:

Bookflix

Libby

Tumblebooks

- If your child wants to hear the same book over and over, you can count it each time. There's nothing wrong with re-reading a book- in fact, it's encouraged!

Singing songs, saying rhymes, telling stories and playing with your child are all great ways to help build their literacy skills.

Visit Ridley Township Public Library & Resource Center often for free story times and programs that are fun and educational for your little one and to find great books to share with your child.

Program benefits

- Develop your child's love of reading at a young age
- Bond with your child as you read together
- Get your child ready to read
- Teach your child all about the library and the joys of books- you can even sign your child up for their own library card!



The road to 1,000 books...

- Sign up:** Receive your first reading log and free book
- 100:** New log, free book, sticker, coloring page
- 200:** New log, free book, sticker, coloring page
- 300:** New log, free book, sticker, coloring page
- 400:** New log, free book, sticker, coloring page
- 500:** New log, free book, sticker, coloring page
- 600:** New log, free book, sticker, coloring page
- 700:** New log, free book, sticker, coloring page
- 800:** New log, free book, sticker, coloring page
- 900:** New log, free book, sticker, coloring page
- 1000:** You did it! Receive a free book and reading certificate

Don't forget- for every **25 books** read, stop by the library to receive a sticker. You don't even have to show us your reading log. This is a small incentive to encourage you and your child to keep reading and to let you know we're rooting for you!

You can do it!

Visit Ridley Township Public Library & Resource Center to start your 1,000 books journey with us today!

I'm on my way to 1,000 books!

I read books # _____ to _____

From the dates of: _____ to _____



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100



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1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Backpacks

Not sure what to read next?
Looking for something new to try?
Checkout a 1,000 Books backpack!

Each backpack contains 10 books to help
you reach your goal of
1,000 Books Before Kindergarten!

Stop by Ridley Township Public Library to pick up
a 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten backpack.
Or click the image to discover more backpacks
available through Delaware County Libraries.

Use the backpack reading
log (see below) to keep
track of your backpacks.



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Backpacks



10 backpacks =
100 Books

Name:



As you finish reading all the books in each 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Backpack, write the number of the backpack on a backpack above. When you have read through 10 backpacks, turn this sheet in to the front desk and receive your next backpack reading log. Congratulations! You've read 100 books!



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